

From: Eric Crone
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 12/14/01 9:25pm
Subject: Microsoft comments to webmaster's inbox

The two attached emails came into the Antitrust Webmaster inbox.

Best Regards,
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Date: 12/14/2001 03:33 pm (Friday)
From: Stoney, Ericka
To: Atr, Webmaster
Subject: FW: Microsoft Antitrust case

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From: Wojtyniak, Tim [mailto:twojtyniak@gentex.com]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2001 10:30 AM
To: ASKDOJ; 'senator(a)stabenow.senate.gov';
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Subject: Microsoft Antitrust case

I hope that what I am hearing is not correct about the wholly inadequate "settlement" in the Microsoft-DoJ anti-trust suit. If it is, I must protest that the DoJ is failing to protect me and all consumers from a monopolist convicted in Federal court of anti-competitive behavior. This settlement not only has no teeth - and Microsoft has shown a propensity toward failing to comply with the letter of agreements, not only the intent - but misses the point entirely that some proactive sanctions are necessary to keep Microsoft from illegally defining the future of ALL electronic technologies to its tastes - and the detriment of all others. Despite their protestations, Microsoft's tactics do NOT benefit consumers in the long run. They benefit Microsoft alone. Consumers benefit from a legitimately open, competitive marketplace where companies are not allowed to use monopoly power in illegal ways to extend their market dominance.

To the DoJ:

As a US citizen, I am counting on you to vigorously enforce the laws of this country and not defer the opportunities of all Americans and all American companies to earn their success in the modern marketplace.

If I am misunderstanding the position of the DoJ, I apologize and would appreciate some further information about how the DoJ intends to proceed on the case.

To my esteemed representatives in the 107th Congress:

As my elected representatives, I am counting on you to look after my interests in this matter. Note that these are the interests of a citizen, first-most, and, secondarily that of a consumer. I trust that, while you hold elected office and thus have additional considerations and responsibilities, you still share the concerns of all citizens for just laws and enforcement of laws to protect the true American ideals, not the false ideals of greed and dishonesty so prominently displayed by the Microsoft Corporation.

Best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: WOLF [mailto:admin@wolfdenftp.com]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2001 5:04 PM
To: ASKDOJ; attorney.general@po.state.ct.us
Subject: USDOJ Comments - Microsoft settlement

Dear DOJ and Connect State Attorney General Blumenthal;

As a personal computer user I am dismayed at the happenings with the DOJ's lawsuit with Microsoft. Microsoft has shown total disregard for the government (re issue in 1995 where microsoft violated an agreement with you, and the recent XP operating system) and for computer manufacturers and finally final users. Their products are ridden with hidden functions that spy on users, and are not reliable in terms of operating smoothly, and the easy of hackers to gain access to personal/corporate computers.

I agree with the following:

The Washington-based Computer and Communications Industry Association charged the administration wasn't pushing for tough enough penalties such as requiring Microsoft to disclose its source code blueprints for its flagship Windows operating system.

"The Justice Department isn't settling this case, it is selling out consumers, competition, and all those who want a vibrant, innovative high tech industry contributing strength to our economy," the group's president, Ed Black, said in a statement.

I am very disappointed that the government that we the people have elected has decided to go soft on microsoft. Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's decision to breakup microsoft and impose strict regulations of microsoft and their behavior was the most appropriate action to be taken for this monopolistic company whose only desire it seems is to continue it's domination by whatever means it chooses. And it seems the government has no objections to it. Does the LAW apply only to one group, and not others? What happened to the other monopolies in our past? Railroad and telephone and oil companies were all broken up, and became separate companies, not owned by the original monopolistic company. Why is that not happening here?

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About the recent terms of settlement: What is the government thinking? The source code of microsoft contains many secrets that if discovered would show just what they are up to. There are many sites on the internet that show a great deal of hidden activities that microsoft has embedded in the operating system. What are they hiding? Microsoft needs to be broken up. Period. Their source code needs to be made public, and only then will we know just what they are up to. And only then will computers be made secure, applications will be made by others (and that will stimulate job growth) that actually work without crashing and then the people will have more faith in their elected officials. Unbundling of certain parts of the operating system should not just include them, or hide them. They need to be removed from all source code, and only installed at the users discretion, not hidden in the background.

Remember that the government is made up of those elected by the PEOPLE, NOT monopolistic corporations. YOU are our protection against them, as they strive to impose their shoddy products upon us while stifling competition. Please reconsider your agreement. This case has dragged on for a long time. Do not let the events of September 11th be an excuse to roll belly up to a rich monopoly (how did they get so rich?!). If it goes longer, that's ok, just do the right thing for a change: represent the people, follow the LAW, and enforce it strictly.

I thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

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